

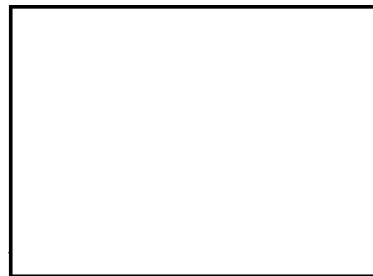
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1. A severe purge is going on in the cadres of the Communist Party in Caucasus. The political commissar of the Yerevan region, Yeprem Tsevrakin, has been replaced by a new man named Andrei Nagerov. In all, a total of 137 high officials have been retired, thus far, in this one region.
2. On the night of 2 Feb 54, a bomb burst in the Communist Party center of Ohtsopour, east of Yerevan. This happened while the Central Committee was holding a special night session. As a result, four were killed, nineteen wounded. Of the latter, seven were seriously wounded. The bomb burst in the wood pile. The authors of the attempt managed to get away. The usual inquiry and arrests followed, but do not seem to have reached the heart of the affair.



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